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SUBJECT: NDP LEADER YI CHOL-SUNG CALLS ON UNDER SECRETARY
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

1. NDP LEADER YI CHOL-SUNG PAID BRIEF CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB MARCH 11 TOGETHER WITH NDP ASSEMBLYMEN YU CHONG, OM YONG-TAL, SIN SONG-U AND TWO KOREAN EMBASSY OFFICERS.

2. YI'S MAIN PURPOSE FOR MEETING WAS TO EXPRESS NDP'S CONCERN OVER US TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS. HE ASKED HABIB WHETHER TROOP WITHDRAWALS WOULD INDEED TAKE PLACE. HABIB SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ON GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWALS WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNEQUIVOCAL, AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT WITHDRAWALS WOULD TAKE PLACE. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, BE CAUTIOUS AND SLOW AND WOULD NOT DISTURB THE MILITARY BALANCE ON THE PENINSULA. IN HIS MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE, THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID THE WITHDRAWALS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. THE PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY, HAS EMPHASIZED OUR INTENTION TO HAVE OUR AIR UNITS REMAIN IN KOREA. AT THE

SAME TIME, THEY HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR INTENTIONS TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THE ROKG AND WITH JAPAN AND TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR KOREA'S OWN DEFENSE EFFORTS.

3. YI SAID THAT THE KOREANS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE USG MIGHT BE CONSULTING ON THE TROOP ISSUE WITH JAPANESE BEFORE DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE ROKG. HABIB SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. THUS FAR WE HAVE TOLD THE JAPANESE ONLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SAYING PUBLICLY. WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR ACTUAL CONSULTATIONS, WE WILL CARRY THEM OUT FIRST WITH SEOUL. ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF KEEPING THE JAPANESE INFORMED OF OUR INTENTIONS, HABIB SAID THIS WAS CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE KOREANS AND OURSELVES GIVEN THE COMMON CONCERN OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES OVER THE SECURITY SITUATION ON KOREA.

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